



Grant News

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PROPOSITIONS 13, 40 & 50 PROJECT SCHEDULES AND CURRENT STATUS

These propositions provide the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) with authority to issue loans and grants totaling \$1.28 billion and covering 34 programs. As of June 30th, the State Water Board has committed \$935 million (73%) of the funds, covering 697 projects.

Current project schedules and status is available via our link to Project Schedules. The projects are listed under the appropriate proposition funding source.

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/grantinfo.html>

PROJECT SUMMARIES

Brief project summaries, listed by project name, are provided for each executed Grant Agreement at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/grantinfo.html>

The Resources Agency also maintains a searchable database of all projects funded by Propositions 40 and 50 on its web site at <http://4050bonds.resources.ca.gov>.

FINANCIAL APPLICATION ASSISTANCE SUBMITTAL TOOL (FAAST)

FAAST is the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance's (DFA) online application submittal tool. The State Water Board unveiled a new feature allowing anyone to view and download applications that were submitted through FAAST. The web link is:

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/PublicProposalsSearch.asp>.

The web page allows you to search and view the applications that were submitted through FAAST in response to various Requests for Proposals/Solicitation Packages for grants and loans.

Please note that not every loan and grant program administered by DFA currently uses FAAST as its method of application submittal, and applications submitted prior to the August 2004 release of FAAST are not available using this search feature.

Enter the search criteria on the online form and click on the "Search" button to generate a list of applications that were submitted and are now under review, have been awarded, or were not funded.

Once the results are available, click on the proposal's "PIN" number (shown in blue) in the left column to view details of the submitted application.

If you wish to download an application, select File – "Save Page As" and save the application as an HTML page or text page to your local hard-drive. In addition, you can save any of the attachment files by repeating the same steps.

2005-06 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/consolidgrants0506.html>

More than 190 full proposals were submitted in FAAST for the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program. Technical review teams have completed the review and scoring of all proposals. Selection Panel meetings for each funding source are being scheduled.

The recommended funding lists will be presented to the State Water Board in September and October. The recommended funding lists for the Proposition 40 Integrated Watershed Management Program (IWMP) and Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPSPCP) will be presented at the September 6th Board meeting.

INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/irwmq/index.html>

The State Water Board and Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the Step 2 Call Back List. The 16 proposals received by the deadline represent approximately 175 individual projects. Approximately \$382 million in grant funding was requested for proposals totaling over \$2 billion. DWR and the State Water Board have approximately \$150 million available for this cycle of grant funding. Step 2 proposal technical reviews will be completed by late September. Selection panel reviews will be conducted through October 2006. Visit the IRWM web site noted above and the DWR web sit at

<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm>.

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION GRANTS (SMBRC)

Proposition 50 provided \$20 million specifically for projects that implement the priority actions specified in the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan.

The State Water Board adopted the SMBRC's Competitive Project List (CPL) in June 2005. To date, funding commitments have been signed for all of the projects on the CLP, for a total of \$17.8 million.



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DAIRY WATER QUALITY GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/dairy.html>

In January 2006, the State Water Board recommended funding for five dairy grant proposals, two in Region 1 and three in Region 5. A total of \$5 million was available. Draft grant agreements have been prepared for four of the five proposals. For more information about dairy grants contact Ken Coulter via e-mail at kcoulter@waterboards.ca.gov.

SMALL COMMUNITY GROUNDWATER GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/scg-gw.html>

The State Water Board adopted the Competitive Project List on November 16th. There are 11 projects totaling \$14.9 million in Rank 1 on the list. As of May 5th, funding commitments have been signed for six projects, exhausting the \$9.5 million that was available.

SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/scwg/index.html>

The Small Community Wastewater Grants Program staff has encumbered approximately \$15.75 million from Proposition 50. Approximately \$35 million remains available for Propositions 40 and 50 to projects on the approved priority list, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/beaches/index.html>

The State Water Board, DFA, received 6 applications totaling \$13.2 million for the remaining \$6 million in Proposition 40 funds. The next Clean Beaches Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 30th to review applications and recommend projects for funding.

Draft Guidelines for the Proposition 50 CBI Program were posted on the State Water Board's website on August 9th. Two workshops on the draft Guidelines are scheduled. The first will be held at the Newport Beach Public Library on Wednesday, September 13th and the second will be held at the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission on Thursday, September 14th. See the CBI website for details.

E-mail your topic suggestions for future newsletters to the [Newsletter Editor](#).

STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) PROGRAM

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/srf.html>

The State Water Board approved a resolution adopting the State Fiscal Year 2006-07 SRF Loan Program Priority List at its June 7th meeting. A project must appear on the Priority List to be eligible to compete for SRF loan assistance. The adopted list, resolution, and related information are posted on the SRF web page.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION PLAN (PAEP)

The State Water Board has recently revised the PAEP guidance to assist applicants competing in the current 2006 Consolidated Grants Program and Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program. Performance measures and examples have been expanded to better assess the multiple activities projects may implement and evaluate synergistic benefits that may be achieved on a river or watershed-wide scale. The revised guidance can be found on the State Water Board web at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/paep.html>.

WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/recycling/index.html>

Water Recycling Funding Program staff have completed review of Proposition 50 construction grant applications, totaling approximately \$59.5 million, from a ranked list that was adopted by the State Water Board in April 2005. Total available funding was \$42,175,000.

The State Water Board approved funding for 18 projects, totaling \$42,159,375.

Staff is currently reviewing applications for the Proposition 13 Facilities Planning Grants. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis pending available funding. Funding is limited to a 50% match up to a maximum grant of \$75,000 per facilities planning study. No new funding commitments are pending.

Staff will begin review of pending applications for water recycling construction projects and process funding commitments based on available funds.

Approximately \$10 million (Proposition 13) is available for water recycling planning grants, research & development, and loans. Approximately \$1.5 million (Proposition 13) is available for construction grants. An additional \$8 million will be available for construction grants in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget.

"The State Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations."